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Sanders Nominates Janice Brown and Teddy Cruz for Appointment to the Centre City Development Corporation Board of Directors

San Diego – Mayor Sanders has nominated Ms. Janice Brown and Mr. Teddy Cruz for appointment to the Centre City Development Corporation Board of Directors. Both nominations are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Ms. Brown is the founder of Brown Law Group, a six-year law firm focused on business and employment litigation. In addition to employment matters, Ms. Brown also handles intellectual property, fraud and contract cases for a variety of clients. Ms. Brown has tried numerous cases to verdict and argued successfully before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, including class actions.

Prior to opening her firm, Ms. Brown served as a partner at Seltzer Caplan Wilkins & McMahon, joining Seltzer Caplan in 1998, becoming partner in 1992 and part of the firm's executive committee in 1995. While at Seltzer Caplan, Ms. Brown headed up the firm's business development committee. Previously, Ms. Brown served as a trial attorney at the Department of Justice, Tax Division in Washington, D.C. While at the Justice Department, she tried lawsuits on behalf of the United States in venues throughout the western United States, including Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, California and Texas.

Ms. Brown holds a Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga Law School and a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Montana. Ms. Brown has been a member of the California State Bar since 1984.

Ms. Brown has received numerous honors and awards throughout her career, including: the Department of Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year in 1987; California Association of Black Lawyers Lawyer of the Year 1995; San Diego Women Who Mean Business in the Law 1999; San Diego County Bar Association Diversity Professional of the Year in 2003; and Witkin Legal Professional of the Year award in 2003.

In addition, Ms. Brown has pursued many personal and civic interests. She is in the House of Delegates for the American Bar Association, a Master with Enright Inn of Court, Past President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association and a Vice President of the San Diego County Bar Association.

Ms. Brown resides in Council District 3 in the community of Kensington.

Teddy Cruz is the Principal Architect at Estudio Teddy Cruz, a firm he founded in 1993, and serves as Associate Professor in public culture and urbanism in the Visual Arts Department at the University of California, San Diego. Prior to establishing his own firm, Mr. Cruz worked with Pacific Associates Planners & Architects and at the offices of architect Rob Wellington Quigley.

Mr. Cruz holds a Masters Degree in Design Studios from Harvard University, a B.A. from Rafael Landivar University in Guatemala City, and B.A. in Architecture from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo.

In addition, Mr. Cruz has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Rome Prize in Architecture from the American Academy in Rome and the 2004-05 James Stirling Memorial Lecture On The City prize. His work has been published and publicized in various architectural journals and newspapers, including *Global Architecture*, *Progressive Architecture*, *Thresholds MIT*, *The Los Angeles Times* and Princeton Architecture press' *City Limits*.

Mr. Cruz has been involved in numerous civic and cultural advocacy groups at a local, national and international level including as a Board Member of San Diego's C-3, as a member of the editorial board of AD in London, and as a member of the advisory committee for the Mies Van Der Rohe Award for Latin American Architecture.

Mr. Cruz resides in Council District 2 in the Community of Mission Hills.

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